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RE: <u>United States v. Ben Tobin, Bernard Roemmele, Salvatore Argento, Steve</u> <u>Hein, Lester Gillespie</u>

Dear Investor/Victim:

Pursuant to federal law, you are entitled to be notified of the court proceedings relating to the criminal litigation of this case. This notice is to inform you of the following:

The following information concerns USAO Case 2002R00543 and Court Docket Number 0460206CRJIC:

On June 16, 2005, the defendant, LESTER GILLESPIE, pled guilty to mail/wire fraud conspiracy. As a result of the guilty plea, there will be no trial involving this defendant.

A sentencing hearing has been set for August 26, 2005 in the case involving defendant(s):LESTER GILLESPIE. You are welcome to attend this proceeding though your attendance is not required by the court. If you plan on attending, please call this office the day before the scheduled hearing for the most current information on the date/time of this event.

Also, a trial has been scheduled on September 6, 2005 in the case involving defendants: BERNARD ROEMMELE and STEVE HEIN. It is possible, however, that this date may change. If you plan on attending, please call this office the day before the scheduled trial for the most current trial information.

If you have other questions which involve this matter, please contact the office listed above.